

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, the title is amended and claim 1 is amended. Reconsideration based on the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

I. The Specification Satisfies All Formal Requirements

The Office Action objects to the title as not being descriptive. Accordingly, the title is amended. Withdrawal of the objection to the specification is respectfully requested.

II. The Claims Define Patentable Subject Matter

Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,982,381 to Joshi in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,363,463 to Jones. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The applied art does not teach, disclose or suggest a storage module that stores therein the first image, the second image and a base selection mask having an image area of a smaller size than the at least part of the display area wherein the image comprises a first area in which the first image is selected and a second area in which the second image is selected, as claimed in claim 1.

The Office Action admits that Joshi does not teach a base selection mask having an image area of a smaller size than the at least part of the display area and a selection mask conversion module that converts the base selection mask into the image selection mask having an image area of an identical size with at least part of the display. However, the Office Action asserts that Jones et al. makes up for this deficiency. Applicant respectfully disagrees.

Instead, Jones merely describes in column 5, lines 20-36 that bit mask of each object is updated when the size and position of the object is changed in the display area 22. Additionally, as shown in Figures 2 and 3, such a bit mask only indicates square regions

where a corresponding object exists in display area 22. For example, object A corresponds to bit mask 56 shown in Figure 3 and bit mask 56 includes a logic 1 in entries 1, 2, 7 and 8. That is, in the display area 22, object A exists in regions 1, 2, 7 and 8. Accordingly, if this group of regions, 1, 2, 7 and 8 corresponds to the image selection mask in claim 1, then each of the regions should correspond to an image area of the base selection mask as recited in claim 1.

However, in Jones, a single square (region) is not divided into smaller parts. The single square (region) does not comprise a first area in which the first image selection and a second area in which the second image is selected. Accordingly, Jones provides no disclosure or suggestion of the image area of the base selection mask comprising a first area in which the first image is selected and a second area in which the second image is selected.

A mere combination of Jones and Joshi does not correspond to the subject matter recited in claim 1. Specifically, the combination of the applied art does not disclose an image area of a base selection mask comprising a first area in which the first image is selected and a second area in which the second image is selected. As such, it would not have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the two references to reach the claimed invention.

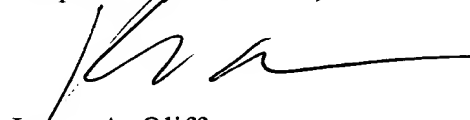
Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-5 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Joshi in view of Jones, is respectfully requested.

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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